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# The Alaska WIC Program

# **Nutrition Care Plans**



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#### **Alaska WIC Nutrition Care Plans**

The Alaska WIC Nutrition Care Plans (NCP) is a tool. The NCP are provided to you to use as a general optional guide to provide nutrition education to WIC participants. They cover all possible identifiable United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Alaska (AK) WIC nutrition risks, however, they are not intended to completely cover all possible participant scenarios. The Nutrition Care Plans were developed from adaptations from the Arizona WIC Program by the Alaska Association of WIC Coordinators (AKAWICC) Competent Professional Authority (CPA) Committee. Other resources included the AKAWICC Nutrition Education Committee materials, USDA Risk Factor Manual, committee members' experiences, and the WIC Food list.

This copy is the Alaska WIC Nutrition Care Plans first edition and it will continue to improve with use. Just because a participant has a nutritional risk, all the suggestions for reducing risk outlined in the NCP, may or may not be appropriate to discuss with that particular participant at that particular time. The person using the NCP still needs to assess the participant's area of concern as well as their readiness to learn. The AKAWICC CPA Committee suggests that the NCP are used in conjunction with appropriate basic counseling strategies, because under certain circumstances, the nutritional risk may not be the number one priority for the participant.

#### **Alaska WIC NCP Sections**

# **Explain** to participant

This section includes a script that helps explain the nutritional risk to WIC participants.

# **Goal**

The goal is based on how to reach optimal behavior changes to reduce or eliminate identified nutritional risks.

## **Suggestions for Reducing Risk**

This section explains several appropriate suggestions to reduce identified nutritional risks.

## **Explain applicable WIC Food**

This section explains the particular benefit of the WIC food prescription for WIC Participants' identified nutritional risks.

### **Explain What the WIC Nutrients Can Do for You**

#### **Materials with More Information**

The AKAWICC CPA Committee hopes you will find this tool useful to provide nutrition education to WIC participants. If you have suggestions or comments, please contact someone in the AKAWICC CPA Committee.

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